के साथ मिल जाते हैं तथा उन्हें पूरे तौर पर निकालना संभव नहीं होता है। किन्तु यह सुनिश्चित किया जाता है कि वे स्वीकृत प्रतिशतता से अधिक न हों। रेलवे को कोयले की आपूर्ति के लिए किए गए समझौते के अनुसार इसे 3 प्रतिशत रखा गया है।

वेस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लि. ने सरकार को सूचित किया है कि अध्यक्ष, एम. एस. ई. बी. के साथ 24 जून, 1992 को हुए विचार-विमर्श के दौरान यह निर्णय लिया गया था कि एम. एस. ई. बी., विद्युत गृहों के सभी कोयलाभाडों से पिछली अवधि के लिए सूचित पत्थरों तथा शैल को हटा दिया जाएगा। अतः रेलवे के साथ हुए करार के अनुसार 3./. की सहनीय सीमा को ध्यान में रखने के पश्चात् प्रत्येक माह के आधार पर प्राप्त हुए पत्थरों तथा शैल (+200 मी. मी.) का संयुक्त मूल्यांकन किया जाएगा। एम. एस. ई. बी. द्वारा दिनांक 1 जुलाई, 1992 से प्रभावी संयुक्त मूल्यांकन किए जाने संबंधी उपर्युक्त निर्णय को अभी पूर्ण रूप से क्रियान्वित किया जाना है। अतः वे. को. लि. यह महसूस करती है कि एम. एस. ई. बी. द्वारा किए गए दावे युक्तिसंगत नहीं हैं।

Royalty on Coal

682. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to State :

(a) whether Government have any set policy outline en Coal royalty, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether is a fact that royalty on coal was cot increased by Government while ncreasing the royalty on petroleum products;

(c) if so, what arc the reasons thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to increase the coal royalty in the near future;.

(e) if so, details thereof; and (f*)*

if not reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF GOAL (SHRI AHT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) Rates of royalty on coal are fixed by the Central Govern meat in exercise of powers confered on vide Section 9(3) of the. Mines & Mineral (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957

(b) and (c) After the revision of fate of loyalty *w.e.L* 13-2-1981, the next. revision became due on 14-2-1985 but the rates were not revised till 1-8-1991 keeping 'in view the problems, posed by the imposilion of very heavy Cesses Levies on coal [by some State Governments.

(d to (f) In terms of proviso to Sec-Ition 9(3) of the Mines *&* Minerals (Regulation & Development) Act, 1957; Cen-

the rates of royalty in respect of any i minerals more than once during a period of 3 years. Since last increase in rates of royalty on coal was made effective from l-8-1991, next upward revision of royalty rates could be allowed only after 1-8-1994.

Use of railway wagons for transportstion Coal

683. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALV1YA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to State :

(a) what is the total number of railway wagons used for transportation of coal from different collieries, colliery-wise;

(b) the number of wagons out of them that are in a working condition and those that are unfit for work;

(c) whether wagons provided to his Ministry are being used properly;

(d) wheher his Ministry has suffered a loss of crores of rupees dne to lack of full untity of railway wagons provided so his Ministry; and

(e) if not, what is the reaction of Government on the news appearitig in Jansatta dated 5th April, 1993 captioned "Koela Mantralaya kash Laparwaki Se Karoron Ka Cbootia" ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAI. (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJAL : (a) and (b) . The rail loading of coal is being monitored on the basis cf company-wise loading in terms of Four Wheeler Wagons|day (FWWs Day). The available data of subsidiary-wise coal loading in Coal India Ltd. for the year 1992-93 is given below'. :

Name of Subsidiary Company	Total wagon loading in 1992-93 (in terms of FWWs per day)
ECL	1892
BCCL	2603
CCL	2982
NCL	1148
WCL	1701
SECL	2967
NCL	1789
NEI	1890
Total (CIL)	15172

Coal Companies do cot maintain data regarding number cf sick wagons. Besides some wagons could be used by railways for loading coal and also other commodi-

(e) to (e) once is taken ensure full uillsatino of wagons allotted for coal loding. However, there could always be some case of marginal under-loading overloading srecially in places where no weighbridge have been installed. Steps are being taken to install weighbridges at all the rail loading points and minimise such lessees.

Privatisation of unexplored coal mines

*684. DR. SANJAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of COAL to pleased to *state*:

(a) whether i: is a fact that Government propose to hand over 'virgin' coal mine with linkages to Power Plants to private companies willing to; set up p;v.x'r units: and

(b) if so. what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR. PANJA; (.a) and (b) The Government have taken a dec'sion to permit private sector participation in coal mining operations in virgin areas for the purpose of captive consumption for power generation, for setting up of washeries and for other and uses as may be notified by Government from time to time.

A Bill to amend the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973 for this purpose is pending enactment.